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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON:—F. ALGAR, 11 & 13, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C. (George Street & Co., 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GUTHRIE, Ludgate Circus, E.C. BATES, HENDY & Co., 4, Old Jewry, E.C. SAMUEL DRAGON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

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AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND:—GORDON & GUTHRIE, Melbourne and Sydney.

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Banks.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.
(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

DATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.
At 3 months' notice 3 1/2 per Annum.
" 6 " " 4 " "
" 12 " " 5 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT,
Acting Manager.
Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

Notices of Firms.

WE have authorized Mr JOHN PATRICK LALOR to sign the Name of our Firm.

MARGESSON & Co.
Macao, 5th October, 1880. no5

Banks.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of 30th April, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP—£2,200,000.
RESERVE FUND—£200,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, Rue Bergère, PARIS.

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES at:

LONDON, BOMBAY, SAN FRANCISCO, MADRASIL, BOMBAY, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, SHANGHAI, SINGAPORE, YOKOHAMA, NANTES, MELBOURNE.

LONDON BANKERS:

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VOULLEMONTE,
Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 10, 1880.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL—£200,000.
RESERVE FUND—£100,000.

BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

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On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " "
" 12 " 5 " "

WILLIAM FORRESTER,
Manager.

Hongkong, May 10, 1880.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL—5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND—1,800,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—The Hon. W. KESWICK.
Deputy Chairman—A. McIVER, Esq.

JOHN ANDER, Esq. H. DE O. FORBES, Esq.
E. R. BELLIS, Esq. H. HOPKINS, Esq.
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CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

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LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " "
" 12 " 5 " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Office of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, August 16, 1880.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE FOR SALE,
EX "GLAMIS CASTLE" AND "GLENEAGLES."
CARTRIDGE CASES.
CARTRIDGE MACHINES.
CARTRIDGE BELTS.
CARTRIDGE EXTRACTORS.
THICK AND THIN WADS.
SHOT—All Sizes.
POWDER—(Pigot & Wilkes).
DRAW FLASKS.

CRICKETING SHOES.

KNICKERBOCKER HOSE.

DRESS BOOTS.

BONING GLOVES.

Hongkong, October 13, 1880.

KELLY & WALSH

HAVE just received EX "FRENCH MAIL," their NEW STOCK of

CHRISTMAS CARDS:

"Memorandum Tablets for 1880,"

"Firming's" Indian Gardening,"

"Knox's" Manual of World,"

Johnson's "Hall Map of World,"

on roller, Urquhart's "Electro Plating,"

"New Judy Annual,"

Jeffrey's "Round about a Great Estate,"

Mark Twain's "Tramps Abroad,"

illustrated, New Health Primers "Brain Work,"

"The Heart," each, 40

Proctor's "Star Atlas," 1.75

"Shang Dictionary," 2.25

"Yonah on the Horse," 3.00

Saukoy's "Hymns with Music,"

from Hoskier's "Telegraph Cables," 1.50

Levi's "History of British Commerce," 6.50

Hongkong, October 11, 1880.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

under the name of

THURSDAY,

the 21st October, 1880, at 3 o'clock p.m., on Board,

The well known CUTTER YACHT

"N A I A D,"

of 29 Tons Register,

Length, 51 feet 1 inch, Beam 11 feet 1 inch, and Depth of Hold 9 feet 10 inches; she was Built in Hongkong, by JOHN KAY in 1867, and had a New Suit of SAILS made by W. DOLAN in 1878.

With everything Complete as per inventory, which can be seen at the Underigned.

Also,

MOORINGS, Etc.

Terms—Cash on fall of the hammer.

G. R. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Oct. 4, 1880. oc21

To Let.

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS.

GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the Wharf, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch. Also entire GODOWNS to be let.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, October 1, 1880. no1

COAL GODOWNS—TO LET.

BURROWS' GODOWNS, Nos. 43, 45, and 56A, PRATA EAST; with Private Wharf.

The GODOWNS, Nos. 111, 111A, and 113, WANCHI ROAD.

Apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, September 13, 1880.

TO LET.

FIRST FLOOR AND GROUND FLOOR of House No. 4, Praya East (known as the BLUE HOUSE); Possession on the 1st of October.

Also,

The HOUSE opposite the WANCHI PRAY, Main Lot No. 29, containing 8 Rooms, etc., etc., with Gas and Water laid on; immediate possession.

Apply to

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, September 2, 1880.

TO LET.

TWO HOUSES, Nos. 14 and 16, Stanley Street, lately in the occupation of the TEMPERANCE HALL.

THE DWELLING HOUSES—Nos. 81 and 83, WELLINGTON STREET.

OFFICES in CHURCH LANE, now in the occupation of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., with Strong Room attached; also other OFFICES and CHAMBERS in the same Building.

Apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.

Hongkong, August 14, 1880.

To Let.

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KOWLOON HOTEL, well furnished, having a BILLIARD TABLE, Two BILLIARD ALLEYS, and

Apply to

D. NOWROJEE,

Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, October 12, 1880. oc29

TO LET.

ON Market Lot No. 60, FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS.

Apply to

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, July 20, 1880.

TO LET.

NO. 8, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, containing Eight Rooms and OUT-HOUSES. No. 9, SEYMOUR TERRACE.

Apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, September 25, 1880.

Intimations.

THE Underigned will be RECEIVED at the Office up till Noon of WEDNESDAY, the 27th instant, for Executing REPAIRS to the ROOF of the CARPENTER'S SHED, Royal Naval Yard, according to Specification and Conditions, which can be seen on Application to the NAVAL STOREKEEPER.

The lowest, or any Tender, will not be necessarily accepted.

E. B. JOREY,
Naval Storekeeper.

H. M. Naval Yard,
Hongkong, October 11, 1880. oc21

THE "FAR EAST."

THE ISSUES OF 1878 WANTED.

Apply at this Office.

Hongkong, October 4, 1880.

NOTICE.

THE OFFICE of Mr R. H. GARRIS and the Underigned has been THIS DAY REMOVED to No. 14, Praya, opposite Messrs Douglas Laprak & Co's Wharf.

E. BURNIE,
Marine Surveyor.

Hongkong, September 30, 1880. oc14

NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

IN Accordance with instructions received from the Board of Directors the HONGKONG BRANCH of this BANK will be CLOSED on the 30th September. Messrs TURNER & Co. will act as the BANK'S AGENTS at this Port.

B. HORNE BOYD,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, September 22, 1880. no1

CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co.

RENOVATED, WASH, AND LOCK-MAKERS, JEWELLERS, SILVERSMITHS, AND OPTICIANS.

Have been appointed sole Agents for VOITLANDER and SOHN'S Celebrated MARINE GLASSES, OPERA GLASSES, and TELESCOPES.

Hongkong, September 4, 1880. no1

Intimations.

NOTICE

I, the Underigned, hereby give Notice that I will NOT be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBT Contracted, seen, given, or BUILT, Note, or other Security Made Signed or Expended by my Name or my name in this City or in other place by any of my Partners or Employees without my knowledge and written consent, or by my Agents without written Authority or power of Attorney, and that all Money Debts and other Securities had with FOUR LOUNG, KWONG, LIM, WONG, YU, SANG, or YEE SANG CHAN, will not be Recognized by me as valid and binding on me unless done with my written Authority or Guarantee.

SHE SANG KAI,
Hongkong, October 11, 1880. no1

NOTICE

OFFICE of the SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

Shanghai, 7th October, 1880.

A FOURTEENTH RETURN of CAPITAL & ACCUMULATIONS at the Rate of TWO TAELS (11s. 2d) per SHARE, will be made to Shareholders of Record 8th October, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on THURSDAY, 19th October. Warrants will then be delivered by the Underigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 19th instant, inclusive.

By Order,

RUSSELL & Co.,
Liquidators.

NOTICE

UNDER an Order of the Supreme Court of Hongkong, made on the 7th day of October, 1880, the Underigned, Receiver, appointed by the Court in Suit No. 10, KWAN HO CHANG & OTHERS v. FONG SUI FONG & OTHERS, is directed to sell:

155 Boxes PREPARED OPIUM now lying in Store at San Francisco.

80 Boxes PREPARED OPIUM now lying in Store at Melbourne.

110 Boxes PREPARED OPIUM now lying in Store at Sydney.

Tenders will be received till Noon of THURSDAY, the 21st October current. Full Particulars of the SALE can be ascertained on Application to the Underigned, who on and binds himself to accept the highest or any Tender.

W. K. SWICK,
Hongkong, October 12, 1880. oc21

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

Suit No. 2.

The Steamship "J. J. SANDS and ANOTHER Defendant—JAMES HOWELL FORGES in the Matter of GEORGE UNDERHILL SANDS, Deceased.

WHEREAS GEORGE UNDERHILL SANDS, late of Hongkong, Deceased, died on or about the 30th day of October, 1877, and had at the time he died a First Place of probate at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, and Whereas probate of his last Will and Testament with one Codicil was granted on the 8th day of November, 1877, to WILLIAM HOWELL FORGES, the Executor named in the said Will and Testament, and Whereas probate of his last Will and Testament with one Codicil was granted on the 4th day of October, 1880, limiting the time within which Creditors and other persons having any Claims or Demands against the Estate of the said GEORGE UNDERHILL SANDS should send in their Claims, now Notice is hereby given in Pursuance of the said Order that all Creditors and other Persons having any Claims or Demands upon or against the Estate of the said GEORGE UNDERHILL SANDS, Deceased, are hereby required to send in writing the particulars of their Claims or Demands to the Underigned, Solicitors for the Executor and Executrix of the said Deceased, respectively on or before the 8th day of April, 1881.

And Notice is hereby also given, that at the expiration of the said last mentioned D.Y., the said Executor and Executrix will proceed to distribute the Assets of the said GEORGE UNDERHILL SANDS, amongst the parties entitled thereto having regard to the Claims of which they or their Solicitors shall have then had notice and that the said Executor and Executrix will not be liable for the Assets or any part thereof so distributed to any Person of whose Claim, they, the said WILLIAM HOWELL FORGES and JAMES SANDS or their respective Solicitors have not had notice at the time of distribution.

Dated the 8th day of October, 1880.

BREKTON & WOTTON,
Solicitors for the above named WILLIAM HOWELL FORGES, 29, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

H. L. DENNY,
Solicitor for the above named JAMES SANDS, 18, Bank Building, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. ROGER, now on a visit to Shanghai, will return to Hongkong early in the Winter as usual.

Hongkong, April 1, 1880.

NOTICE.

FIVE Dollars were against receiving THE FIVE DOLLARS NOTES of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, numbered 122001 to 122500, dated 23rd May 1877, and signed by Edward Cope for Manager and R. A. Nelson for Accountant, these Notes having been Stolen.

For the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 31, 1880.

Intimations.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Office of the CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, will be held at the Office of the Underigned, No. 7, QUEEN'S ROAD, on THURSDAY, the 28th instant, at Half past Two o'clock p.m.

T. JACKSON, MATTHEW & Co.,
General Agents,
Canton Insurance Office.

Hongkong, October 1, 1880. oc28

CARD.

M. A. HAIN'S DANCING CLASSES have been Re-opened on the 1st October.

Fidelity's Buildings,
No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.
Hongkong, October 4, 1880.

DYNAMITE, FUSES, DETONATORS &c.

FROM NOBEL'S EXPLOSIVES CO., LIMITED, GOSLOW, can be had in any Quantity on application to

THE BORNED Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, March 8, 1880. 8mr81

Mr. Andrew Wind,

NEWS AGENT, &c.

133, NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK.

is authorized to receive Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., for the China Mail, Overland China Mail, and China Review.

SAILORS' HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the SAILORS' HOME, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

Shipping.

RECEIPTS.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at the several Coast Ports, and taking on board Cargo for New Zealand.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co's Steamship "J. J. SANDS and ANOTHER" will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 11th instant, at 4 p.m., instead of the time previously advertised.

objection to losing any of the Chinese over whom he exercises a rule so paternal in this Colony, to judge from the elaborateness of the checks now imposed upon their exit to the Colonies. We are told of a case which occurred but lately at a port in the Northern Territory, where the entire passenger list of a steamer was offered employment at handsome wages, and the Celestials preferred the mines. Japanese were then sent for, and are now working on the Sugar estates. So that it would appear the Governor is throwing obstacles in the way of the Chinese bettering their condition. This looks like class legislation without the philanthropic sentiment. It must be remembered that the steps now being taken by the Executive, which may have the effect of driving much of the Australian trade from this Colony, are all the more galling at the present time because, under the existing relations of everybody with everybody else and the Governor, no reasons are assigned for any action taken. Unquestioning obedience and unselfish acquiescence in governmental acts that seem to press unfairly on the subject, is not a faculty which has ever flourished greatly amongst Englishmen. The Englishman is frequently even more loyal than those who govern him—that is, loyal to the spirit of the Constitution; but he will not bear continued misgovernment without making an effort to understand the reason why such things have to be borne. So soon as we can obtain fuller information of the facts bearing upon this passenger business, we shall have something more to say.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Choral Society was held at the City Hall this afternoon, when the following Committee was appointed:—President, Mr. Alfred Lister; Treasurer, Mr. Edward Cope; Messrs J. A. Bogg, E. F. Alford, and J. Noble. The Committee will appoint a Secretary.

Hagood & Co's Weekly Shipping Report, November 4th, 1880.
Arrivals During the Week: Oct. 3, Peter, from Amoy; 4, Ajax, from Shanghai; 4, Russia, from Shanghai; 7, Hae San, from Shanghai; 7, Nankai, from Hongkong; Departures During the Week: Oct. 2, Hae San, for London; 3, Swatow, for Tientsin; 3, Douglas, for Hongkong; 6, Ajax, for London; 8, Russia, for London; 8, Europe, for Shanghai.
Shipping in Port:—Shanghai, Steamer, Lucy, Peter, Hae San, Nankai.

We learn from a native contemporary that on the 24th ultimo the Foreign Department gave an entertainment to the Chinese, in honor of General Donnan of Hongkong.

REFERENCE to the recent affair at on and the inability of the Senior Officer here to give assistance or protection, the *Japan Gazette* very sensibly says:—

Probably if the *Monthen* had not been under repair, as the vessel is worn out, it would have been necessary for her to have gone on the flood tide, as but few of H.B.M. gunboats on the China station are able to force their way against the current of the Canton river. It is time that all these obsolete gunboats were withdrawn from the service. They cannot steam, they cannot sail, and as vessels of war are more shams, and a disgrace to the British fleet.

The *San Francisco Journal of Commerce*, of June 17, says:—It is rumored on good authority that certain capitalists here are about to build what will be a foundation of a fleet of iron war steamers for the Japanese Government, which will cost many millions of dollars, and that the iron will be mined and rolled here. The money will be loaned to the Japanese Government at a rate of interest to be carried by Japan. So that this important enterprise is, perhaps, the commencement of making San Francisco, like London, Paris and Frankfurt, one of the loan and financial centres of the world, and like the latter, a great shipbuilding centre. There is no reason why San Francisco should not become a great shipbuilding centre for this western portion of the world, and for Eastern Asia; now that a start is about to be made, there is every probability that it will be.

Referring to the above the *Japan Gazette* says:—There is a strong inclination on the part of all Japanese to go to the dearest markets, but their desire are not so extravagant as to induce them to borrow money and build ships in San Francisco.

The steamer *Humbrian*, Captain Wise, arrived today (9th) from Shanghai, she will, we understand, be looked here. *Amoy Gazette*.

We note from a recent telegram from Adm. Sir John Hay that he has succeeded in carrying a motion in the Assembly for the production of papers relating to the reward of £500 which the Government had offered, but not paid, for the discovery of a goldfield in the Northern Territory. The Minister of Education stated that the reason why the Government refused to pay the reward was that the original claimants left the field, which was really worked first by Chinese.

An intelligent Chinese correspondent informs us that there are now nearly 100 of our countrymen at work on the Chinese sugar plantation between Cairns and Port Douglas; that sites are being marked out for more ambitious dwellings than the ordinary Chinese hut, and that in about six months at least ten Chinese ladies are expected to join their lords. A large influx from the flower land is expected next year the new arrivals bringing with them their native seeds, plants, furniture, and other adjuncts of a permanent settlement. Several merchant gentlemen in Melbourne and Sydney are waiting the result of the first season's crop before embarking on other ventures of a like nature. If we mistake not this is the thin end of a very thick wedge. *Coastwatcher*.

REFERRING recently to the Lord Chief Baron, whose death has been telegraphed since, the *Pail Mail Gazette* writes:—

The Lord Chief Baron has been propounding some very queer law at the Cambridge lectures. On a question affecting a tenant's right to game, the judge, having looked at the written law, found that it contained no allusion to the game at all;

and held that the tenant accordingly had failed to substantiate his right. Counsel urged in vain that the absence of a special enactment the game belongs to the owner of the land, but the Lord Chief Baron was inexorable. The blunder will, of course, be set right in due course, but in the meantime many worthy squires will be delighted and misled by the judge's doctrine. It is not many years since the Lord Chief Baron, in an assize case, made some wild mistakes about the authority of a police-constable to arrest on suspicion. It is absurd to suppose that so accomplished a lawyer as Sir Fitzroy Kelly has all his life been ignorant of the most elementary principles of English law, and these amazing and repeated blunders can only be explained in one way. Sir F. Kelly is a very old man, and his warmest admirers must admit that age has greatly impaired his efficiency as a judge.

The *Japan Mail*, in giving the above and commenting on it, says:—

The *Pail Mail* certainly lays much stress upon the effect of time upon the Judge's former efficiency, an argument which might with equal propriety be used in connection with the author of the sermons in the Hongkong Supreme Court.

The valuable papers contributed to the late *Japan Times*, exposing the private one-runs of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, by a gentleman who sought to try to disguise his identity under the nom de plume of 'Nauticus,' may possibly be resumed, says the *Japan Gazette*, as the gifted writer has returned to Japan, and it is probable that we are not so grossly mistaken, ornamented the pages of the late *Japan Mail*.

On the 24th August we read in the report of the San Francisco Society for the prevention of cruelty to children, a vivid account made upon a Chinese house of prostitution, and four women and two young girls carried to the Police Court. The proprietor of the house was fined \$50, two of the women \$20, and the other girl, 13 years old, sent to the Chinese Mission House on Sacramento Street, pending the issuance of orders of guardianship to Miss Magdeleine. The younger girl, 3 years old, was allowed to go with the women.

A provision has just been rendered by Police Judge Pitt, San Francisco, in the case of the People vs. Ah Din, declaring unconstitutional and void the ordinance passed by the Board of Supervisors on May 26, 1880, making it unlawful for any person to maintain or carry on a laundry in a frame building without the consent of the Board of Supervisors. Robert Ash appeared on behalf of the defendant and the Chinese Consulate. Counsel for defendant claimed that the ordinance was void, inasmuch as it was a violation of the Fourteenth Amendment Act conferring no power on the Board to pass the ordinance. Second—The ordinance is unreasonable, unjust and oppressive. Third—it is class legislation, because aimed directly at the Chinese. Fourth—it is a violation of equal and uniform taxation. Fifth—it is a deprivation of vested rights. Sixth—it deprives a man of his property without due process of law.

The on point which the Court deemed necessary to pass upon in rendering its decision was that the ordinance would deprive a man of rights that had been acquired and had vested under the authority and sanction of previously existing laws. The effect of the ordinance would be that a person who might have invested a great amount of money in a laundry building for the purpose of carrying on the laundry business could be at the mercy of the Board of Supervisors, and if they refused to grant him a license, he would be effectually deprived of his property without any process of law. This, in the opinion of the judge, is a violation of the Fourteenth Amendment, and it was so declared, and the defendant was discharged.

This is the second ordinance of a similar character that has been passed by the present Board, neither of which has been upheld by the courts. Several prosecutions were instituted under the first ordinance, but in none of the cases did the people succeed in securing a conviction.

Why will the commanders of vessels hug the Laccadive and Maldiva Islands so closely? This is known to be an exceedingly dangerous locality. Yet we find commanders deliberately taking their vessels there. Why is it that they may find it in the line of duty to do so, but in no way, such traffic being considered very profitable? It does not seem to occur to masters visiting these islands, that, by so doing, they may not possibly incur to the insurance upon their vessels and cargo by having taken their ships to a dangerous place, not covered by policy. We had every now and then vessels running on to these islands, their commanders apparently not knowing where they were until they were fast on some reef. Masters of vessels have many grave mistakes to contend with, and not infrequently much prejudice to overcome; but, looking fairly at all the circumstances, we think one of the chief causes of these frequent wrecks, is the careless navigation encouraged by the leniency with which commanders, naming their vessels into danger, are treated at Board of Trade enquiries. At the worst, a certificate may be suspended for six months, and this is the sole punishment for an act which, were the perpetrator not the master of the ship, would entail upon him a life term of imprisonment. A railway engine-driver, by an act of carelessness, does an exactly similar thing to what the commander of a vessel does, yet if he be found guilty of carelessness or neglect, he is unhesitatingly sent to prison; the shipmaster, however, is merely prevented from following his profession for a few months.

Captain Francis, of the *Turkey*, arrived at Seilly from Bangkok, reports that on March 23, whilst passing between the Two Brothers Islands and Brothers Reef (Iva Sea), saw the masthead of a ship out of water, the sails blowing, and ship apparently having been foundered. A boat was seen breaking on board continuously; on July 8, finding the backing of the rudder was gradually getting loose, put into Ascension, and effected temporary repairs at her Majesty's Dockyard. *Michell's M. Register*.

At a meeting of the Hoge Municipal Council on the 30th August, a resolution was passed, increasing the police force to 191 men, at an annual cost of \$4,100. An increase in the police force was also made to meet the increased expenditure.

A letter from Honolulu, dated July 3, states on the authority of official documents that during the two years ended in May last, 863 adult South-Sea Islanders of both sexes and 269 children had arrived as immigrants, at a cost to the Government of \$200,000. During the same period, 408 adult immigrants from Madeira and Azores had arrived, bringing with them 355 children. The cost of this immigration amounted to \$100,000. An arrangement had been made with the chief of the island of Spanish one of the Gilbert group, by which 1,000 of his people would emigrate to the Sandwich Islands. The Legislature had just granted a sum of \$100,000 to promote emigration to Hawaii.

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The *Abur*, 35, of Nankai, owned by the Teikoku Kaisha, Ltd., was charged with public gambling at N. 3, Lyndhurst Terrace, on 12th inst. In the *Teikoku Kaisha*, provided having entered the house and arrested the defendant. A quantity of 18-rod table, in type A, was found for the purpose of gambling was found in the room.

Wing Atai, a carpenter, and Chun Ping, a coolie, gave evidence as to having brought 18-rod table to the defendant for the purpose of gambling. The defendant was charged with public gambling at N. 3, Lyndhurst Terrace, on 12th inst. In the *Teikoku Kaisha*, provided having entered the house and arrested the defendant. A quantity of 18-rod table, in type A, was found for the purpose of gambling was found in the room.

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